of the c/l Park Heights Avenue \* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER (8574 beisure Hill Drive) 3rd Election District \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 94-255-A

Richard Alter, et ux Petitioners

3rd Councilmanic District

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Richard and Rosalie Alter, by and through their attorney, Gary Huddles, Esquire. The Petitioners seek a variance from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Coning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard setback of 38 feet and a side yard setback of 33 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for each, and to amend the last approved Final Development Plan of Leisure Hill in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2.

Appearing on behalf of the Petition were Richard Alter, owner, and his attorney, Gary Huddles, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioner were Joseph Larson, Registered Professional Engineer, Sydney M. Shure, Kitty Jenkins and Kristine Forsyth. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 8574 Leisure Hill Drive, consists of 2.5466 acres, more or less, zoned R.C. 5 and is currently unimproved. Said property is also known as Lot 2A of Leisure Hill. The Petitioner is desirous of developing the property with a single family dwelling; however, due to the topography of the land and site constraints, the Petitioner has had difficulty placing a home on this lot. Testimony indicated that steep slopes restrict the location of the dwelling to the north and east of the existing building envelope. Thus,

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 8574 Leisure Hill Drive

1A04.3.B.3. to permit a 38' front setback and 33' side setback both in

lieu of 50' and amend the last approved Final Development Plan of "Leisure

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

the steep slope areas on the site. Due to the steep slope areas and the

The existing building envelope size is in part due to CRG comments related to

evident when attempting to locate a building on the site consistent with the

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to

be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

resultant total building envelope an undue hardship and practical difficulty is

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the

Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative

105 W Chesapeake Ave 823-3535

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REVIEWED BY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

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1777 Reisterstown Rd. 653-6500

Gary Huddles, Esq.

Baltimore MD 21208

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neighborhood.

(Type or Print Name)

the Petitioner seeks to amend the Final Development Plan of Leisure Hill in order to enlarge the existing building envelope, thereby necessitating the requested variances.

No testimony was offered in opposition to the Petitioner's request; however, the adjoining property owner, Ms. Catherine Jenkins, remarked that she would not be held responsible for the condition of the soils on Lot 2A due to the close proximity of the septic area serving her lot. Mr. Alter stated that he would issue a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins releasing them from any liability or responsibility for the condition of the soils found on Lot 2A.

It should also be noted that the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) submitted comments dated January 11, 1994 in which they raise several issues concerning the proposed Mr. Joseph Larson testified that all concerns raised by DEPRM have been addressed and corrections made to the plan in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

> 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variances are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land which is the subject of this request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare and is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this  $18^{++}$  day of February, 1994 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard setback of 38 feet and a side yard setback of 33 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for each, and to amend the last approved Final Development Plan of Leisure Hill for a proposed dwelling in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded

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SPELLMAN, LARSON & ASSOCIATES. INC. SUITE 109 - JEFFERSON BUILDING

ROBERT E SPECIMAN PLS JO ANN W. ROGGE

105 W CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 TEL (410) 823-3535 FAX (410) 823-5215

DESCRIPTION FOR ZONING NO 8574 LEISURE HILL DRIVE, 3RD DISTRICT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

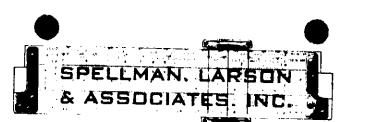
Beginning for the same at a point on the west side of Leisure Hill Drive, 40 feet wide, at the southwestern most outline of the Plat entitled Resubdivision of Leisure Hill, Plat 2, EHK, Jr. 48/135, said Plat being recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Liber EHK, Jr. No. 54, Folio 129, said point being on the southern most corner of Lot 2 A as shown on said Plat and running thence and binding on the outline of said Plat north 68 Degrees 36 Minutes 32 Seconds west 299.15 feet north 38 Degrees 42 Minutes 44 Seconds west 280.54 feet north 29 Degrees 14 Minutes 39 Seconds east 282.86 feet north 04 Degrees 04 Minutes 31 Seconds west 72.15 feet south 56 Degrees 13 Minutes 11 Seconds east 148.00 feet north 66 Degrees 58 Minutes 08 Seconds east 113.15 feet and south 44 Degrees 54 Minutes 52 Seconds east 49.88 feet to the dividing line between Lot No. 2 A and 2 B as shown on said Plat thence leaving the outline of said Plat and binding on the dividing line between Lots No. 2 A and 2 B south 32 degrees 59 Minutes 46 Seconds west 106.66 feet south 13 Degrees 06 Minutes 49 Seconds west 193.65 feet south 33 Degrees 48 Minutes 02 Seconds west

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Page: 2 197.68 feet south 38 Degrees 42 Minutes 44 Seconds east 6.86 feet and south 68 Degrees 36 Minutes 32 Seconds east 280.27 feet to the west side of Leisure Hill Drive herein referred to and running thence and binding on the west side of Leisure Hill Drive southerly by curve to the right with a radius of

beginning. Being Lot No. 2 A as shown on a Plat entitled Resubdivision of Leisure Hill, Plat 2, EHK Jr. 48/135 said Plat being recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book EHK Jr No. 54, Folio 129.

328.23 feet the distance of 24.16 feet to the place of

Containing 2.5466 acres of land, more or less. 12/8/93



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**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

February 18, 1994

(410) 887-4386

Gary Huddles, Esquire 1777 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21208

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE W/S Leisure Hill Drive, 830' SW of the c/l Park Heights Avenue (8574 Leisure Hill Drive) 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Richard Alter, et ux - Petitioners Case No. 94-255-A

Dear Mr. Huddles:

TMK:bjs

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

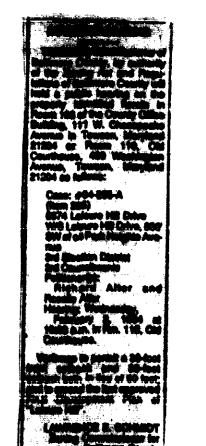
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County cc: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Alter

7 Hiddenwood Court, Baltimore, Md. 21208 Ms. Catherine Jenkins 8530 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21208 People's Counsel; File

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

JTI West Chesapeake Avenue (410) 887-3353

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

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1) Posting tees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

(Revised 04/09/93)

For newspaper advertising: Item No.: 255

Petitioner: Richard - Rusalic Alter Location: 8574 Leisure Hill Princ

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

NAME: Richard + Rosalic Alter ADDRESS: 4 Hiddenwood Ct.

13clto mp 21208 PHONE NUMBER: 321-0299

Item Number: 255 Date Filed:

PETITION PROCESSING FLAG

This petition has been accepted for filing, after an initial review, and has been placed on the agenda for the zoning advisory committee. However, the following items were found to be missing or incomplete when the petition was included on the agenda by Sophia. A copy of this "flag" will be placed in the case file for the Zoning Commissioner's review. The planner that accepted the petition for filing has the option of notifying the petitioner and/or attorney prior to the hearing or Zoning Commissioner's review of the petition regarding the items noted below. If the petitioner/attorney is contacted by the planner, it is the petitioner's ultimate decision and responsibility to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts, and to file revised petition materials if necessary. Delays and unnecessary additional expenses may be avoided by correcting the petition to the proper form.

Need an attorney

The following information is missing: Descriptions, including accurate beginning point Actual address of property

Acreage Plats (need 12, only \_\_\_\_ submitted) 200 scale zoning map with property outlined Election district

Councilmanic district

BCZR section information and/or wording Hardship/practical difficulty information Owner's signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or address and/or telephone number Contract purchaser's signature (need minimum 1 original

signature) and/or printed name and/or address Signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or title of person signing for legal owner/contract purchaser

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legal owner and/or contract purchaser Attorney's signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or address and/or telephone number Notary Public's section is incomplete and/or incorrect and/or commission has expired

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(440) 002 1151

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Haryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 94-255-A (Item 255)

8574 Leisure Hill Drive W/S Leisure Hill Drive, 830' SW of c/l Park Heights Avenue 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Richard Alter and Rosalie Alter

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Courthouse.

Variance to permit a Ut frest front actions and 33 frest methods both in lieu of 50 feet; and to amend the fant approved Kinal Development Plan of "Delinere Hill"

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

JANUARY 10, 1994

Towson, MD 21201

cc: Richard and Rosalie Alter

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901

Towson, MD 21286-5500

Joseph L. Larson GARY HUDDLES

MOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

January 21, 1994

Gary Huddles, Esquire 1777 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21208

> RE: Case No. 94-255-A, Item No. 255 Petitioner: Richard Alter, et ux Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Huddles:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on December 21, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1. The director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by zoning personnel.

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hai Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Charlotte Minton Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Minton:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

DAVID ALEAMORY, ACTIVIE CHIEF John Contestabile, Chief **Engineering Access Permits** 

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_ Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech -800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and

DATE: January 5, 1994

Development Management

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item No. 243, 248, 250, 251, 253, 255, 256, 257, and 259.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL:lw

ZAC.243/PZONE/ZAC1



(410) 887-4500

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

January 11, 1994

TO: Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: J. Lawrence Pilson (1)/1/25
Development Coordinator: DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #255 - Leisure Hill (Alter Property)
8574 Leisure Hill Drive
Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of January 3, 1994

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

The proposed reductions in front and side yard setbacks are acceptable. However, the proposed relocation of the 30' ingress/egress easement as shown on the site plan cannot be approved. This is due to encroachment of that easement upon the septic area on Lot 2B. Also, the proposed well on Lot 2A must be at least 10' from the property line. Please see attached comments from this Department on the Amended Final Development Plan.

JLP:BS:sp

ALTER/DEPRM/TXTSBP

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO: () SEDIMENT CONTROL DATE: January 11, 1994
(X) Les Schreiber, DPW

PROJECT NAME: Leisure Hill TYPE OF PLAN: CRG Refinement PLAN/REVISION DATE: Second Amended FDP

The above-referenced plan has been reviewed by the Development Coordination Section of the Bureau of Engineering Services and the following recommendations are made:

() APPROVED (X) DISAPPROVED

<u>Comments:</u>

The proposed driveway location is not acceptable for the following reasons:

 The ingress/egress easement cannot encroach upon the septic area for Lot 2B, it must be shown that grading for the driveway will not disturb the septic area on Lot 2B.

 The driveway must be relocated to avoid possible damage to the proposed well on Lot 2A.

 The engineer or developer should contact me to arrange a joint inspection of the property to determine the best location for the driveway.

4. This refinement should be drawn on the 5th amended FDP.

REVIEWER: R. Bruce Seeley /ins TELEPHONE: (410) 887-3980

DISPOSITION: FILE: NAME/DATE:

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